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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Australia*, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark*, Finland, France, Germany, Greece*, Iceland*, Indonesia, Ireland*, Italy, Mexico, Norway*, Philippines*, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Elimination and discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/124 of 14 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/17 of 24 May 1990,

Noting resolutions 35/3 and 35/1 of 8 March 1991, adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women, 1/

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 8 (E/1991/28), chap. I, sect. C.

Noting that General Assembly resolution 45/124 strongly supported the view of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women that the Secretary-General should accord higher priority within existing resources to strengthening technical and substantive support for the Committee,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its session, 2/

Noting that the Committee agreed, in examining reports, to take due account of the different cultural and socio-economic systems of States parties to the Convention,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the practice of holding a pre-sessional working group three to five days prior to the Committee session,

Convinced that the close relationship between the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, implies that the secretariats of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child should work closely together,

Welcoming the general recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session,

Noting with appreciation the South Pacific regional seminar on the Convention held in Raratonga, Cook Island, in March 1991, which recommended that all Pacific Island States accede to the Convention,

Aware that the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will occur on 3 September 1991,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session;

2. Welcomes the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

3. Urges all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

4. Also urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the provision of training in the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/46/38).

interregional levels, especially in assisting States parties to meet their reporting obligations;

5. Further urges States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide training opportunities on a regular basis for persons preparing periodic reports of States parties to the Convention;

6. Welcomes the initiatives taken to provide regional training courses on the preparation and drafting of reports of States parties for government officials and training and information seminars for States considering acceding to the Convention, and urges the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations to support such initiatives;

7. Recommends that strengthening of substantive and technical support to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be given a priority in the programme budget of work of the Division for the Advancement of Women for the biennium 1992-1993;

8. Invites the international community to mark in an appropriate manner the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention;

9. Invites also States parties to the Convention to make every possible effort to submit their initial implementation reports, as well as their second and subsequent periodic reports, in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines provided by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and to cooperate fully with the Committee in the presentation of their reports;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide, facilitate and encourage, within existing resources, the dissemination of public information relating to the Committee, its recommendations, the Convention and the concept of legal literacy, taking into account the Committee's own recommendations to this end;

11. Recommends a close relationship between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other United Nations human rights bodies and between the relevant secretariats of those Committees.